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Region 5 ER Notification #2: Ozinga Tire Fire, Chicago, Illinois (NRC Report # 1224637)

Report as of: 2045 hrs CST, September 14, 2018

Overview: Large pile of shredded tires burning at 11701 Torrence Ave in Chicago, IL. Fire apparently started around 1400 hrs, local Fire Dept. responded to contain the fire. NRC report was submitted by the Fire Dept. around 1630 hrs. Area is in an industrial zone, no reported evacuations at this time. Fire Dept. has conducted some air monitoring. Fire water runoff has the potential to enter Calumet River.

State, Local, and other Federal Agency Action: Chicago Fire Dept. is on-scene and containing fire. Chicago Public Health has requested air monitoring support from EPA. Unknown if any action taken to control oil runoff to river. The Oil Trust Fund will be opened to address the potential oil release into the river and associated monitoring activity.

EPA Actions: OSC Tom Mendez and Rob Kondreck were dispatched to assess the situation. START resources were also dispatched to conduct air monitoring.

Current Actions: Chicago Fire continues water suppression activity. Ozinga is currently taking responsibility as the Site operator, although they do not own the property or the shredded tire pile. They have hired a contractor (ER) to assist with the incident, equipment has been mobilized to deal with the fire water that has been accumulating in ditches alongside the Calumet river. Boom has been deployed in the river if the ditches overflow. All parties are coordinating to address the options to put the fire out, the use of heavy equipment to smother the fire is on hold due to the extreme heat. The potential use of foam is currently being considered. START is deploying Area-Raes and Dust-Tracs, the area is mainly industrial but there have been some minor evacuations. It's anticipated work will go on through the night and potentially for several days.

Media Interest: Moderate, Local TV has covered the story

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